

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place the present application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

More specifically, in the outstanding Office Action claims 10-15 are allowed, and claim 22 was objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Only claims 19-21 and 23 were rejected.

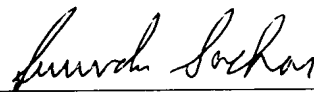
By the present response each of rejected claims 19-21 and 23 is herein canceled without prejudice and claim 22 is amended to be rewritten in independent form, to recite the subject matter noted as allowable in the outstanding Office Action.

Therefore, in view of the present response only allowable claims 10-15 and 22 are currently pending.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Gregory J. Maier
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 25,599

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 03/06)

Surinder Sachar
Registration No. 34,423